## Committee on Equal Opportunities Council on Postsecondary Education January 28, 2013

Waivers of KRS 164.020(19)

The CEO asked for regular reports regarding institutions that choose to adopt a waiver of the standards of KRS 164.020(19) in order to implement new degree programs. The statutes establish the Council's responsibility to approve the offering of new degree programs (KRS 164.020(14)) and also limit an institution's eligibility for new degree programs (KRS 164.020(19)) by the requirement that an institution meet its equal opportunity objectives.

The Council has authority to grant a temporary waiver of the requirements of KRS 164.020(19). Administrative Regulation 13 KAR 2:060 establishes criteria for determining an institution's compliance with equal opportunity objectives and for the granting of a temporary waiver to a state-supported postsecondary education institution that has not met its objectives.

Madisonville Community College requested a waiver of KRS 164.020(19) in November 2012. MCC will not be eligible to request a waiver in 2013.